



FREE - RANGER GUIDED HIKES AND PROGRAMS

July 1 through July 31, 2006

- 3:00 PM - Daily - Heroes of the Storm (1/2 Hour)**
A reenactment of a turn-of-the-century shipwreck rescue. This program is designed especially for children of all ages and requires some audience participation. See how the National Lakeshore preserves some of its many historic buildings and tells their fascinating stories. Meet at the Maritime Museum west of Glen Haven Historic Village, off M-109.
- 4:00 PM - Daily - Ranger’s Choice - See below for different activities on different days**
- 8:00 PM - Every Evening - Two Ranger Programs - See below for different activities on different days**

Recommended for all programs: Water, insect repellent, sunscreen, sturdy walking shoes

Sunday

- 9:30 AM Especially for Kids (1/2 Hour) D.H. Day Campground Log Cabin**
Hey kids...bring your adult(s) and join a ranger for an adventure in fun.
Meet the ranger at the log cabin.
- 3:00 PM Heroes of the Storm (1/2 Hour) - Meet at the Maritime Museum. (See Daily description above)**
- 4:00 PM Glen Haven: Capitol of D. H. Day’s Empire (1½ Hours) Glen Haven**
Take a leisurely 1/2 mile walking tour of this historic village, discover its history and the Lakeshore’s plans for future development.
Meet at the red Cannery in Glen Haven.
- 8:00 PM Wanna See Neat Stuff? (1 Hour) Empire Bluff Trail (Round-trip - 1.5 miles)**
Birds, butterflies, and blossoms; see these and a whole lot more during a leisurely hike to the top of Empire Bluff. After the hike, you’re invited to stay and enjoy the panoramic view of a Lake Michigan sunset or return to the trailhead with the ranger. (Flashlight and bug spray recommended)
- 8:00 PM Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales (1 Hour) Platte River Campground Amphitheater**
A hands-on program about some of the animals, birds, and fish that make Sleeping Bear Dunes their home.

Monday

- 3:00 PM Heroes of the Storm (1/2 Hour) - Meet at the Maritime Museum. (See Daily description above)**
- 4:00 PM The Flying Wildflowers (1 Hour)**
Have fun learning not only how to identify butterflies, but also where they live, what they eat, and how they transform from caterpillars. Binoculars provided. Cameras and long pants are recommended.
Follow M-22 south of the Visitor Center in Empire (approx. 1.8 miles) to Norconk Rd.; travel west to the 90-degree curve and park on the shoulder of the road across from the red barn. The program begins at the red barn.
- 8:00 PM An Eagle’s Eye View of the Manitou Passage (1½ Hours) Bay View Trail (Round-trip - 2 miles)**
Join a ranger on a leisurely hike through forest, grassland, and old farm land for a bird’s-eye-view of Lake Michigan and the Manitou Islands. After the hike, you’re invited to stay and enjoy the panoramic view of a Lake Michigan sunset or return to the trailhead with the ranger. (Flashlight and bug spray recommended)
- 8:00 PM Night Flyer (45 Minutes) Platte River Campground Amphitheater**
Feared and misunderstood, bat species have been given a bum rap for centuries. Learn some interesting facts about this creature of the night.

Tuesday

- 3:00 PM Heroes of the Storm (1/2 Hour) - Meet at the Maritime Museum. (See Daily description above)**
- 4:00 PM Busy as a Beaver (1 Hour) Trails End (Round-trip - Approximately 2 miles)**
Explore the shoreline in search of nature’s industrious lumberjack. Hike with a ranger, visit a beaver lodge and perhaps see this furry engineer.
(Binoculars provided. Long pants and insect repellent recommended.)
Take M-22 to the pair of 30-mph curves, 5½ miles south of Empire, 4 miles north of Platte River.
Meet at the Platte Plains trailhead parking lot at the west end of Trails End Rd.
- 8:00 PM Beach Birds and Beach Bums (45 minutes) Glen Haven Cannery**
Did you ever wonder who or what those feathered beach goers are that share a beach with us?
Meet at the Glen Haven Cannery to find the answers.
- 8:00 PM The Story of the Sand Dunes (45 minutes) Platte River Campground Amphitheater**
From Native American legend to the latest scientific research, the ranger will tell a fascinating story of the world’s largest collection of freshwater sand dunes.

NOTE: Parking for Platte River Campground programs is in the lot next to the ranger station. Parking for D.H. Day Campground programs is by the log cabin at the rear of the campground. (Both facilities are handicapped accessible.)



Listening Systems are available for the hearing impaired. Call the Visitor Center (326-5135 ext. 328) for reservations.

Some of these and other park visitor services are made possible through the entrance fees charged under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act.

Wednesday

3:00 PM
4:00 PM

Heroes of the Storm (1/2 Hour) - Meet at the Maritime Museum. (See [Daily](#) description)
Beach Basics (1 ½ Hrs) Esch Beach

Lake Michigan, along with its beaches and dunes, is a world class resource. As we enjoy a leisurely walk along the beach, we will investigate eight basic concepts about shoreline dynamics. This understanding of the shore will increase your beach enjoyment and safety and help you preserve this treasure for future generations. Meet at the end of Esch Road, on the beach, approximately 4 miles south of Empire.

8:00 PM

The Whole Point of Sleeping Bear Dunes (1 ½ Hrs) Sleeping Bear Point Trailhead
(Round trip - Approximately 2 miles)

If you only hike one trail while you are here, this is the one. No other trail epitomizes the Sleeping Bear Dunes area better. The trail includes, shifting dunes, dune plants, ghost forest, shipwrecks, fantastic views of Lake Michigan and the Manitou islands and much more. Just a mildly strenuous little dune to climb then a leisurely hike. Meet at the Sleeping Bear Point trailhead 1/2 mile west of the Maritime Museum.

8:00 PM

Wreck and Rescue of the Lisa M. (1/2 Hour) Platte River Campground Amphitheater
Take an imaginary voyage on an old lumber schooner. Sail into adventure and meet the real heroes of yesteryear.

Thursday

3:00 PM
3:30 PM

Heroes of the Storm (1/2 Hour) - Meet at the Maritime Museum. (See [Daily](#) description)
Lyle Gun Firing Demonstration (1/2 Hour) Maritime Museum

Watch a firing of the Lyle line-throwing cannon; the type that was used by the U.S. Life-Saving Service and U.S. Coast Guard for more than 75 years to rescue thousands of shipwreck victims.
Meet on the Lake Michigan beach at the Maritime Museum, following the 3:00 “Heroes of the Storm”.

4:00 PM

Daytime Coyote Howl (1 Hour) Glen Haven Blacksmith Shop

Will coyotes answer us at 4 PM? Let’s find out in this first ever daytime howl. We’ll make tracks, look for scat, and listen to some of their howls. Then we’ll howl and see what happens. Meet the ranger outside the blacksmith shop at Glen Haven.

8:00 PM

Wait, Wait... Don’t Tell Me! (1/2 Hour) D. H. Day Amphitheater

In thirty short minutes we’ll explore Sleeping Bear Dunes through stories, pictures, limericks, and a few bird songs. Learn some stuff you never knew; have some fun, and then we’re through.

8:00 PM

Fear Factor (45 Minutes) Platte River Campground Amphitheater
Urban legends of Lakeshore dangers, come and get the rest of the story!

Friday

3:00 PM
4:00 PM

Heroes of the Storm (1/2 Hour) - Meet at the Maritime Museum.(See [Daily](#) description)
Rockin’ on the Beach! (1 ½ Hrs) - Maritime Museum Beach

Shake, rattle, and roll over to the shore to hunt for rocks and discover the story of our stones!
Meet on the beach at the Maritime Museum west of Glen Haven Historic Village, off M-109.

8:00 PM

Mission: Possible! (45 minutes) D. H. Day Amphitheater

Your mission: Join a ranger to learn how outrageous invasive organisms operate, the fight against them, and what you can do to help!

8:00 PM

Stories of Stars (1 Hour) Platte River Campground Amphitheater

Let the stars be in all of our futures. Get to know the night sky by learning to use a star chart. (Don’t forget bug repellent, flashlights, and blankets). Discussion of locations, legends, and the latest information will begin at the Platte River Campground Amphitheater and will finish intime for sunset.

Saturday

9:30 AM
1:00 PM

Especially for Kids (1/2 Hour) Platte River Campground Amphitheater
Hey kids...bring your adult(s) and join a ranger for an adventure in fun.

Saturdays at the Lakeshore (2 Hours) Visitor Center

Every week is different: Different subject, different walk, different trail, different ranger. What a variety!
Ask at the Philip A. Hart Visitor Center in Empire to find out what this week’s special will be.

3:00 PM
4:00 PM

Heroes of the Storm (1/2 Hour) - Meet at the Maritime Museum.(See [Daily](#) description)
A Hidden Treat (1½ Hours) Treat Farm(Round-trip walk approx. 1.5 miles)

Discover a hidden 1880s farm and appreciate the lifestyle and hardships of the area’s settlers.
Follow Highway M-22 south of the Visitor Center in Empire, approx. 1.8 miles, to Norconk Rd., travel west to the end of the pavement and park on the grass by the red barn.

8:00 PM

Historical Port Oneida - A 19th Century Treasure (1 Hour) Port Oneida

Barns, farms and orchards are waiting to be rediscovered. Hike approximately 1.5 miles through the heart of the Port Oneida Rural Historic District and discover its cultural and natural history.
Meet at the Port Oneida School near the corner of M-22 and Port Oneida Road, then we will car caravan to Miller Road to begin our hike.

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<u>Special Events</u>		
July 16, 2006	Annual Dune Climb Concert	
Sunday	7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	At the base of the Dune Climb